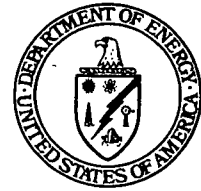


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Dear Mr. Saric:

EXTENSION TO THE MILESTONE DATE FOR SUBMITTAL OF THE AREA 8, PHASE II CERTIFICATION DESIGN LETTER

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension in the milestone date for submittal of the Area 8, Phase II Certification Design Letter (CDL). Currently Department of Energy (DOE) is committed to submit the CDL by September 30, 1998, per the Sitewide Excavation Plan (SEP). DOE feels there is "good cause" to request an extension of this milestone date to January 29, 1999, under Section XVIII (B)(5) of the Amended Consent Agreement.

The primary driver for certification of this area is natural resource restoration work planned for Fiscal Year 2000. Therefore, it is not imperative that certifications are carried out before the end of Calendar Year 1998. Development of the CDL will require that real-time scanning occur in Area 8, Phase II to support the CDL. To accomplish this before the current milestone date, real-time scanning resources (e.g., Radiation Scanning Vehicle (RTRAK)) would have to be diverted away from activities currently supporting the excavation of the Southern Waste Units. This has the potential to slow Southern Waste Unit remediation to accomplish much lower priority work.

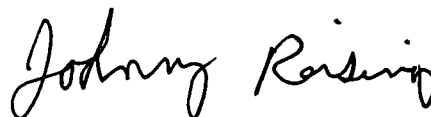
Submittal of the Area 8, Phase II CDL on January 29, 1999, will have no impact on the subsequent restoration design or implementation work in the area. Development of the CDL was originally planned for early Calendar Year 1999 in the fiscal Year 1999 Replan. The date presented in the SEP was inadvertently changed and is not consistent with the Fiscal Year 1999 Replan.

Mr. Saric

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In summary, DOE feels there is "good cause" to extend this milestone to avoid any risk of impacting Southern Waste Unit remediation. If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact Robert Janke at (513) 648-3124.

Sincerely,



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